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Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund: Scholarship Application

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For more information, see these pages or email audrelordescholarship@zami.org.

Eligibility

- An out lesbian/ gay man of color who is a graduating high school senior or currently attending any technical, undergraduate or graduate school located in the United States.
- Accepted or registered at a post-secondary educational institution for full or part-time attendance as defined by the institution
- Cumulative high school/college/or technical school grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Lesbians / gay men 40 years and older are **also** strongly encouraged to apply

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- Completed Scholarship Application Form (pdf)
  PDF requires the Adobe Acrobat Reader plug-in, available free for download.

- Three letters of recommendations~ one must be from a teacher/ professor, one must be from a supervisor/ mentor, and one from an activist/organizer in the lesbian/gay community.

- A photo (head shot) passport quality- black/ white or color, which may be used at the announcement of the award. Application will not be accepted if a clean headshot is not enclosed.

- You must be in attendance at the scholarship awards ceremony to receive your scholarship. (NO EXCEPTIONS) ALL EXPENSES PAID BY ZAMI.

Awards

Scholarship Amount $1,000

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PURPOSE OF AWARDS

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ELIGIBILITY

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- Acceptance letter if you are an entering freshman or transfer student.
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AWARDS

Scholarship Amount ----- $1000

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Lesbians and Gay men of color interested in obtaining an application should download an application from our website at www.zami.org

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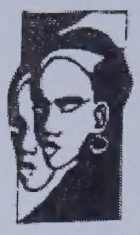

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